

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1375

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate James Wooten on his selection as the Lake Road Elementary School Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, James Wooten is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wooten has been selected as the Lake Road Elementary School Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence he has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, James Wooten spent thirteen years teaching in Illinois before moving to Tennessee; he has taught in the Obion County School System for eleven years and has coached various sports over the years, including baseball, softball, football, and basketball; and

WHEREAS, he received his bachelor's degree in kinesiology from the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, James Wooten has enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Lara, and their two daughters, Nellina and Annabella; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wooten is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wooten serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, James Wooten truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate James Wooten on being chosen as the Lake Road Elementary School Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.